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REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

CORNISH, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1877.

CLAREMONT, N. H.:

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The State of New-Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To bring in your vote for a representative to represent the third Congressional district of this State in the Congress of the United States.
4. To choose a representative to represent this Town in the general Court to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.
5. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councilor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner.
6. To choose Selectmen and all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay existing claims against the town.
9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.
10. To see if the Town will vote that a discount be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within such periods as the Town may limit, and fix the amount of discount on the same.

11. To take the sense of the qualified voters of this Town, whether the alterations and amendments of the Constitution of this State proposed by the Constitutional Convention shall be approved.

12. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the money raised from the tax on dogs for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, should there be any remaining in Treasury of the Town unappropriated on the second Tuesday of March next.

13. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor Agent the ensuing year.

14. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers, heretofore chosen and pass any vote, relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-second day of February 1877.

WILLIAM E. HART,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
N. A. DEMING,	
EDWARD O. DAY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Cornish,</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

For the year ending March 1, 1877.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and
and by vote of the town, is as follows.

State tax,	\$ 1,664 00
County tax,	1,568 20
To defray town charges,	1,600 00
To pay existing claims against the town,	2,000 00
To repair Stark road (so called)	100 00
School tax,	1,456 00
Special School tax Dis. No. 12,	25 00
School house Tax Dis. No. 9,	30 00
“ “ “ 11,	60 00
“ “ “ 16,	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 8,523 20
Percentage about (4 per cent)	379 58
Dog tax,	98 00
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	\$ 9,000 78
Non Resident Highway Tax,	94 43
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	\$ 9,095 21

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums.

Of the County for the support of

County paupers,	\$ 211 64
Of the trustee of the Foss fund,	112 80
Savings Bank Tax,	463 75
Railroad Tax,	87 15
Literary Fund,	126 45

For old orders taken up for which new orders were drawn, viz. Joseph

B. Cumings, No. 110, dated Jan. 2, 1864, 850 00

Cash of V. B. Bachelor, agent, profit on Liquor sold, 59 14

Received of N. A. Deming, collector for 1875, the amount \$ 547.94 reported verbally by the auditor, to the town as the amount of Non-Resident tax for 1875, less for error in per centage, 73.28,

474.66 2,385 59

Total amount of Receipts,

\$ 11,480 80

We have drawn orders on the Treasurer as follows :

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, F. Dunsmoor,	\$ 182 29
" 2, Wm. Dana,	140 65
" 3, J. Mercer,	78 38
" 4, C. B. Fitch,	72 97
" 5, Willis Cole,	92 41
" 6, S. M. Bugbee,	243 68
" 7, L. W. Harrington,	141 84
" 8, Albert Weld,	161 52
" 9, F. A. Johnson,	83 09
" 10, Hiram Weld,	104 98
" 11, N. J. Ellis,	122 07
" 12, O. A. Kelley,	29 30
" 13, Herbert Deming,	88 12
" 15, John Conlin,	24 41
" 16, T. A. Allen,	72 53

District No. 1 in Plainfield, L. D. Spauld-

ing,	4 30	
“ No. 14, in Claremont, S. C.		
Lear,	10 55	<hr/>

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PAID FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Catherine Chase,	\$ 106 85	
Sarah Welden,	11 25	
B. D. Alexander,	79 24	
Clara M. Root,	6 25	
Abel Perkins,	3 05	
Silas Read,	5 00	<hr/>
		211 64

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Huldah Boyd,	38 04	
Theodore Chase,	61 67	
John Farwell,	6 00	
Tramps,	12 75	<hr/>
		118 46

FOR PLANK AND TIMBER.

Lyman D. Wood,	3 60
Freeman A. Johnson,	3 50
E. O. & H. M. Day,	42 95
C. F. Huggins,	3 26
Edwin H. Smith,	2 35
Geo. D. Kenyon,	5 62
Alfred C. Chadborn,	3 68
Edward Bryant,	8 16
James F. Tasker,	8 00
Edwin H. Smith,	1 08
J. C. Whitaker,	12 56
Charles E. Jackson,	7 54
E. O. & H. M. Day,	8 18
Abel W. Fairbanks,	3 75
Harrison Leslie,	2 56
John Conlin,	96
L. D. Spaulding,	3 50
Ethan Walker,	64
Geo. W. Sargent,	22 71

Edwin T. Ayers,	3 40	
Benj. K. Chase,	3 70	
Dana N. Morgan,	6 44	
Charles Swain,	5 00	
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		\$ 163 14

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Alfred C. Chadborn,	\$ 10 00
Chapman & Stone,	2 00
Wm. H. Whitmore,	6 50
Daniel Whitmore,	7 00
W. I. Leslie,	2 00
E. N. Wyman,	7 00
Hiram P. Raymond,	6 75
Lyman Wood,	13 00
Lyman Bartlett,	10 00
Emerline Bartlett,	3 00
Freeman A. Johnson,	2 50
T. A. Allen (labor on Stark road)	43 00
S. M. Bugbee,	4 61
T. A. Allen (labor on Stark road)	15 00
Alvin Comings,	2 25
Dauphin B. Dana,	5 56
Chester Pike (cutting ice)	32 00
“ “	10 50
Edward Bryant,	14 02
James F. Tasker (for building bridge near D. H. Hilliard's)	85 00
James F. Tasker (new bridge near D. H. Chase place)	100 00
Almon E. Mace,	2 50
George H. Ayers,	5 00
Abial Haven,	1 00
Wm. D. Lear,	17 41
Charles E. Jackson,	9 25
E. O. & H. M. Day,	4 71
Abel W. Fairbanks,	3 25
Lemuel Benway,	2 00
Wm. E. Westgate,	1 87
John Conlin,	3 22
L. D. Spaulding,	15 84
John Mercer,	5 67

L. Chapman,	2 50
Wm. C. Hart,	11 75
Amon Royce,	3 00
James Hildreth,	2 97
Wilbur Comings,	11 00
Edward Bryant,	3 92
Geo. W. Sargent,	2 90
Edwin T. Ayers,	12 87
David H. Hilliard,	1 26
Dana N. Morgan,	1 00
Chester Pike,	12 00
John Weld,	2 00
Alfred S. Sisson,	1 75

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FOR BREAKING ROADS.

E. O. & H. M. Day,	8.80
C. P. Jenney,	5.00
William D. Paget,	2.00
D. B. Dana,	1.00
William E. Westgate,	2.50
John Conlin,	18.75
J. J. Flint,	1.75
Geo. H. Ayers,	4.99
Alfred C. Chadborn,	8.50
Worth C. Jordan,	2.24
Orra A. Kelley,	8.87
Daniel Whitmore,	10 00
C. P. Jenney,	3.25
E. N. Wyman.	1.25
Stratton Spaulding,	5.00
Geo. D. Kenyon,	6.00
Benj. F. Bugbee,	6.50
Alfred Sisson,	1.50
Wilbur F. Howard,	3.00
Edwin T. Ayers,	5.25
William Whitmore,	4.00
Geo. Weld,	5.00
Hiram D. Hilliard,	9.39
Milton Wyman,	2.00
Forest Freeman,	4.12
Moody Hook,	5.00

C. B. Hough,	2.00	
C. C. Forehand,	2.50	
E. O. & H. M. Day,	2.25	
William D. Lear,	7 50	
Hiram P. Raymond,	5.00	
		<hr/> \$ 154.91

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hiram M. Weld, gravel for highway,	4.00
Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing check lists,	10.50
" " " Town reports,	30.00
James M. Davidson, Selectman's services, 1876,	16.55
" labor on Town House,	4.00
H. L. Reed, damage to plow,	1.00
Claremont M.f'g Co., printing tax notices and Ex.	2.65
Geo. W. Hunt, recording births and deaths,	3.00
D. L. Guernsey, for Town Officer,	2 50
Claremont Stat'y Co., blank books and stationery,	10.84
L. D. Spaulding, school tax, Dist. No. 1, Plainfield, for 1875,	4.23
William C. Smith, school house tax, Dist. No. 9,	30.00
County Treasurer, County tax,	1568.20
H. M. Day, footing invoice and making taxes,	13.00
Milton S. Jackson, damage to horse on highway,	15.00
William C. Hart, Selectman's services, 1876,	3.00
Norman A. Deming, " "	3.00
W. H. H. Allen, Retainer for 1874 and '75,	20.00
" Attorney fees, R. R. suit,	25.00
" in Welcome suit,	15.00
" Spencer suit,	15.00
Orra A. Kelley, special school tax, Dist. No. 12,	25.00
Sylvanus Wilder, stone for culvert,	7.50
T. A. Allen, school house tax in Dist. No. 16,	20.00
James M. Davidson, services as trustee Foss fund,	6.00
John Whitaker, over tax,	9.72
State Treasurer, State tax,	1664.00
Edwin H. Smith, watering trough,	2.00
Geo. D. Kenyon. Auditor's services,	3.00
Alfred C. Chadborn, damage to plow,	1 50
Charles Tyler, watering trough,	2.00
William D. Lear, "	3.00

Joseph B. Comings, new order for old order, No. 110, dated Jan. 2, 1864,	850.00
Stephen B. Deming, damage to plow,	1.00
William Tandy, over tax,	1.53
Henry M. Day for surveying,	4.50
A. W. Fairbanks, watering trough,	3.00
Charles E. Jackson, Justice services,	2.00
Noah P. White, watering trough,	2.00
Jacob Chase for injuries received on highway,	50.00
Nathan Harris, over tax,	1.53
Daniel Whitmore, timber and gravel, for repair- ing Stark road, (so called)	4.00
Orlando Powers, Auditor's services,	3.00
Henry L. Carroll, over tax, 1875,	1.55
William L. Hart, " "	1.55
Amos Richardson, abatement, 1875,	7.75
Sidney K. Richardson, over tax, 1875,	1.55
William C. Harlow, watering trough,	2.00
Charles H. Smith, overtax, 1875,	1.55
John L. Spaulding, abatement, 1875,	1.75
Charles M. Stevens, over tax, 1875,	1.00
James Tasker, abatement tax, 1875,	16.37
Ahial Westgate, " "	5.89
D. H. Hilliard, surveying,	2.50
" watering trough,	2.00
W. I. Leslie, pass over land,	4.50
N. A. Deming, balance non Resident, highway tax paid in labor, 1875,	6.99
E. C. Barrows, entertainment selectmen and auditors,	8.02
Robert Daunatt, entertainment selectmen,	7.00
Harlow and Barrows, "	16.25
William C. Hart, time and expenses settling County pauper claims,	7.25
William C. Hart, time and expenses settling with M. S. Jackson, damage to horse on highway,	6.00
Wm. C. Hart, time and expense to Charlestown twice,	5.40
William C. Hart, repairing Town house,	6.00
" time and expense in Boyd suit,	16.00
Albert Weld, services with hearse,	48.00
Lemuel Martindale, damage to plow,	5.00

Lemuel Martindale, constable services,	2.00
Charles Tyler, stone for culvert,	3.00
J. M. Davidson, abatement of school tax in Dist. No. 11,	62.31
Pluma Bachelor, over tax,	7.65
Carlos Gee, over tax,	1.53
Judith Carter, abatement tax,	1.53
Mary Cotton, " "	1.89
Sirena Huggins, " "	77
Orlando Powers, damage to wagon on highway,	2.50
County Clerk, for examining records,	1.00
T. A. Gleason, notifying jurors,	7.48
William D. Lear, damage to plow,	2.00
James M. Davidson, non Resident highway tax paid in labor,	27.90
J. C. Fletcher, entertainment selectmen,	28.00
N. A. Deming, watering trough,	2.00
William C. Hart postage and stationary,	1.55
" entertainment selectmen,	8.60
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	\$ 4,806.33

FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Jacob Chase,	1.00
Edward Bryant,	1.50
Stephen B. Deming,	6.00
William Balloch,	8.00
Harrison Leslie,	5.00
H. G. P. Cross,	9.00
L. Harmon Dow,	12.00
Ethan Walker,	1.50
William C. Hart,	10.00
Fred Dunsmoor,	3.00
J. W. Hammond,	16.00
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	\$ 73.00

FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASKED FOR BY GEO W. HUNT, ON TAX BOOK, FOR 1873.

George S. Mitchell,	12.57
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	\$ 12.57

**FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASKED FOR BY
N. A. DEMING, ON TAX BOOK, FOR 1875.**

George Bugbee,	5.98	
Hilliard Buckman,	2 95	
Alfred E. Lucas,	67	
Jesse F. Hazen,	2.60	
Lewis Owen,	1.55	
Edward W. Smith,	1.55	
Wentworth M. Smith,	1.55	
Israel Vadney,	2 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 19.15

**FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASKED FOR BY
JAMES M. DAVIDSON COLLECTOR.**

Alfred E. Lucas,	4.86	
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FOR TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Jas. T. Jackson, Superintending School Committee,	50.00	
T. A. Gleason, Town Clerk,	30.00	
“ Treasurer,	35 00	
V. B. Bachelor, Liquor Agent,	45.00	
James M. Davidson, Collector,	80.00	
William C. Hart, selectman,	116.00	
N. A. Deming, “	70.00	
E. O. Day, “	70.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 496.00

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		\$ 11,480.80
Amount of Orders drawn for support of Schools,	1,653.09	
For support of County Paupers,	211.64	
For support of Town paupers,	118.46	
For Plank and timber,	163.14	
labor on highways and bridges,	522.33	
breaking roads,	154.91	
Incidental expenses (including State and County taxes,)	4,806.33	
Sheep killed by dogs,	73.00	

Abatement of taxes asked for by		
Geo. W. Hunt, on tax book,		
for 1873,	12.57	
Abatement of taxes asked for by		
N. A. Deming on tax book for		
1875,	19.15	
Abatement of taxes asked for by		
James M. Davidson, collector,	4.86	
Town officers' services,	496.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,235.48
Leaving a balance of		<hr/> \$ 3,245.32

ORDERS OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

1862, Aug. 30.	No. 52.	Harvey Knight,	\$ 100 00
1865, Feb. 28.	195.	Dimic Baker,	1,400 00
1869, Jan. 21.	85.	Wm. Balloch,	1,500 00
1872, Feb. 24.	233.	Eliz. D. Hall, bal. due,	486 40
" Oct. 1.	90.	Almeda Jackson, bal.	
		due,	131 39
" Dec. 4.	150.	Forrest Freeman,	175 00
1873, Jan. 1.	189.	First Baptist Society,	500 00
1874, Mar. 30.	16.	E. O. & H. M. Day,	70 87
1875, July, 3.	41.	Daniel G. Deming,	300 00
1876, Jan. 7.	168.	Peter Hook,	390 00
1875, Apr. 13.	6.	Sarah W. Westgate,	200 00
1876, Jan. 1.	193.	Michael McCarty,	1,300 00
" Nov. 25.	86.	John W. Hammond,	16 00
" "	91.	Jacob Chase,	1 00
" "	98.	Edward Bryant,	1 50
" Dec. 30.	111.	Joseph B. Comings,	850 00
1877, Jan. 20.	132.	Stephen B. Deming,	6 00
" " "	133.	Wm. Balloch,	8 00
" " "	135.	Harrison Leslie,	5 00
" Feb. 24.	155.	H. G. P. Cross,	9 00
" " "	156.	Fred W. Dunsmoor,	3 00
" " "	157.	Leonard D. Spaulding,	3 50
" " "	159.	John Mercer,	5 67
" " "	160.	L. Chapman,	2 50
" " "	161.	L. Harmon Dow,	12 00
" " "	162.	Amon Royce,	3 00

"	"	"	163.	James Hildreth,	2 97
"	"	"	164.	John Mercer,	43 38
"	"	26,	171.	Ethan Walker,	1 50
"	"	"	183.	Alfred S. Sisson,	1 50
"	"	27,	220.	Wm. C. Hart,	10 00

\$ 7,539 18

Interest on outstanding orders, \$ 85 48

**THE LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN ARE AS
FOLLOWS.**

Due on orders outstanding,	\$ 7,539 18
Accrued interest on orders outstanding,	85 48
Due to School Dis. No. 14,	302 28
Due to the town of Croydon, for the sup- port of Francis Goward,	65 15
Other claims against the town (estimated)	100 00

Total liabilities against the town, \$ 8,092 08

**THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS
FOLLOWS.**

Jonas Hasting's note and interest due

March 1, 1877, \$ 2,575 67

Freeman A. Johnson's note and in-
terest, due March 1, 1877, 1,040 00

John L. Paget's note, bal. due, 34 20

Liquor and casks in agent's hands, 220 00

Cash in hands of David H. Hilliard,
guardian of Merrill Coburn, 145 00

Cash in Treasurer's hands, 546 40

Taxes not collected by James M. David-

son, 1,123 30 \$ 5,684 57

Amount of the debt less ~~from~~ assets, \$ 2,407 51

The Selectmen respectfully recommend the town to raise for the ensuing year in addition to the amount required by law, the following sums:

To defray town charges, \$ 1,600 00

To pay existing claims against the town, 2,000 00

For highways and bridges, 2,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. C. HART, NORMAN A. DEMING, EDWARD O. DAY.	}	Selectmen of Cornish.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in Treasurer's hands Mar. 1, 1876, as follows viz :

Bal. principal	Jonas Hasting's note,	\$ 1,945 13
" "	Freeman A. Jonnson's note,	1,000 00
" "	John L. Paget's note,	29 00
Auction bills,		23 59
Cash,		243 95
		\$ 3,241 67

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 18,	Rec. of N. A. Deming, for taxes, 1875,	235 00
Apr. 1,	" " " "	102 08
Sept. 15,	" Selectmen, Co. Pauper money,	140 87
Nov. 7,	" F. A. Johnson, int. on note,	61 00
Nov. 24,	" Selectmen, int. on Foss fund,	112 80
Dec. 5,	" " Savings Bank Tax,	463 75
Dec. 5,	" " Literary Fund,	126 45
Dec. 5,	" " Railroad Tax,	87 15
1877.		
Jan. 1,	" Int. on School Fund,	28 25
Feb. 27,	" Selectmen, Co. Pauper Money,	70 77
Feb. 27,	" G. W. Hunt, col. 1873, bal. taxes,	12 57
Feb. 28,	" Selectmen, cash from Liquor agent,	59 14
" "	" " non-resident Tax, 1875,	474 66
" "	" J. M. Davidson, collector, 1876,	7,971 91
" "	" " int. on taxes, '76,	24 09
" "	" N. A. Deming, int. on taxes, 1875,	31 96
" "	" Selectmen, old orders,	850 00
		\$ 14,034 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on new orders,	\$ 7,249 71
" " old orders,	1,548 15
" interest "	902 14

Old orders paid by new orders,	850 00
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	\$ 10,550 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands as follows:	
Bal. principal, Jonas Hastings's note,	1,945 13
“ “ Freeman A. Johnson's note,	1,000 00
Bal. principal, J. L. Paget's note,	29 00
Auction Bills,	23 59
Cash,	546 40
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	\$ 3,544 12
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	\$ 14,094 12

DOG FUND.

Received of James M. Davidson, Collector,	
taxes assessed on dogs,	\$ 98 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs,	73 00
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Bal. in Treasury,	\$ 25 00

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 470 87
Which is respectfully submitted,	

T. A. GLEASON, Treasurer.

JACOB FOSS LEGACY, TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

Sept. 14, 1866, received of the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased,	\$ 2,820.00
Received the interest on said legacy for the year ending, Sept. 14, 1876,	167.20
Paid to the Selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for the support of the poor of said town,	112.80
Balance of interest for flags,	56.40
Deduct over paid 1875,	9 12
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Making to be appropriated for flags,	\$ 47.28
Expended as follows:	
June 30, 1876. Paid R. M. Yale, of Boston, Mass., for flag as per bill,	35.00
Expenses of getting flag,	1.00

Expenses of putting up and repairing flags, 2,75

\$ 38.75

Which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. DAVIDSON, Trustee.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

1876, March 1, liquor and casks on hand, \$ 220.00
 1876, " 1, " " " 210.00

Increase of liquor on hand, \$ 10.00

1877, March 1, cash received for sales of liquor
 and casks, 466.41

Cash paid for liquor and freight, 382.27

" U. S. License, 25.00

\$ 407.27

" to the town Treasurer, 59.14

Profit, \$ 69.14

V. B. BACHELOR, *Agent.*

We certify that we have examined the statements by the Selectmen, Treasurer, Trustee of Foss fund and Liquor Agent, and we find them in all cases correctly cast and that we believe the statement of assets and liabilities of the town is made in good faith and is essentially correct.

ORLANDO POWERS, }
 STEPHEN A. TRACY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF
CORNISH, N. H.

Your Committee submits cheerfully the following, as his report of the condition of the Common Schools in Cornish.

The past year there have been 30 Schools, taught in 15 districts. The number of pupils, attending more than two weeks, is 302. We have received the services of 25 teachers, 22 female and 3 male. Two were beginners. We have retained the services of 11 who taught in town last year—5 going to their old schools. There has been some progress compared with last year, still there is need of great improvement, not as much in any one thing but in all things that influence the progress and success of our public schools.

The appended statistical table gives the names of the Prudential Committees, teachers, length of schools in weeks, the whole and average attendance in terms, the amount of money received by the districts, the wages of teachers per month including board, number of visitors, visits of Superintending and Prudential committees, and the number of different scholars attending in the districts during the year. Other particulars will be mentioned, as follows.

No. 1. (BALLOCH'S) MISS SARA H. MITCHELL and HERBERT DEMING, Teachers.—Summer Term. Visiting this school, the first of the term, I noticed the *quietness* of the teacher, her methods of instruction and the fair working habits of the scholars. What was learned was well learned. Four scholars from No. 15 attended this school, receiving its advantages and increasing its interest. I was absent when this school closed but I believe the progress was satisfactory.

Winter Term.—At each visit the order was good. Mr. Deming is a *laborious* and *kind-hearted* teacher who went to school to *work*. At the examination, the classes appeared well. First class in Arithmetic and Grammar, *very well*. Here we found some of the best scholars in town.

No. 2. ("ABOVE THE BRIDGE.") MISS JENNIE L. JACKSON, MISS MARIA CLEMENT and GEORGE L. DEMING, teachers. This is one of the most desirable schools in town. Between teachers and pupils there is always a good understanding, which is equally praiseworthy for both. The past year, there have been three terms of 10, 10 and 11 weeks. The Summer and Fall terms were very pleasant for teachers and scholars. This district is without feuds, and gives the teacher a hearty support. The closing examinations were satisfactory.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Deming, an *excellent* and *practical* teacher. The classes were carefully trained. The closing exercises spirited. Webster's Dictionary laid on the table for reference by scholars and teacher. A Map of the World and a Map of the U. S. also a township Map of Vt. and N. H. were freely used in the geographical recitations.

No. 3. ("STEPHEN A. TRACY'S") MISS HATTIE J. HILDRETH, teacher. The scholars and instructor have shown an unusual interest in their studies. The parents told me

"*our children have learned first rate.*" This school, in composition writing, ranks first in town.

No. 4. ("DINGLETON.") MISS EMMA L. YORK, teacher. This school has some very good scholars. The teacher lacked in energy and love for school work. I did not note the progress essential to a highly successful school.

No. 5. ("FREEMAN HUGGINS.") MISS NELLIE E. MORGAN and MISS HANNAH T. DEMING, teachers—Summer term. This was Miss Morgan's *third term* in this district. She makes teaching a *business* and means to *earn* the position of a *first class instructor*. The same good order, and good progress in the different branches, and warm affection of the pupils, were noted as in the previous year.

Fall Term was taught by Miss Deming. Her scholars at once partook of her *earnestness* and *enthusiasm* and began school work with a will. The different branches of study were pursued with great success. A good number of parents proved their interest, by their presence at both examinations. This school has the benefit of four successful terms.

No. 6. ("THE FLAT") MISS MARION WESTGATE and JOSIAH DAVIS, teachers.

Summer Term.—Miss Westgate brings to the school-room experience and rare ability. *At once*, she is at home with her pupils and they are at home with her. The same success characterized *this term* as her last year's work.

Winter term was taught by Josiah Davis of Plainfield. I see by the school register, he had 47 different scholars—too many for one teacher in a mixed school. His order was good—the classes that received proper time and attention, made commendable progress. *Without assistance* Mr. Davis was unable to do near the amount of work that the scholars might justly claim. *Some, under the circumstances*, were unavoidably neglected. This district needs a build-

ing with two rooms, which should be used when success requires. The school house must be built *soon*, why not this Spring?

No. 7. ("THE CENTER") MRS. HATTIE A. HARRINGTON, teacher. Both terms were under her charge. There has been a *steady* and perceptible advance from the beginning to the close of her labors. She has no hobbies, but carries all her school work *squarely forward*. One young man told me—"I never went to such a good school till I came here." The teacher reports six who have not whispered without leave. The full attendance of the citizens at the closing examination, was highly satisfactory.

No. 8. ("GOWARDS") MISS HANNAH T. DEMING and ANGIE E. WELD, teachers.

Summer Term.—This school enjoyed the services of *Miss Deming* three terms. She has the talent to inspire her scholars with *cheerfulness* and enthusiasm. I noted good improvement.

Fall Term.—*Miss Weld's* literary qualifications were excellent. At each of my visits I found her doing a good work. Scholars and teacher merit *praise*.

No. 9. ("TOWN HOUSE.") NELLIE L. JACKSON and HANNAH T. DEMING, teachers.

Summer term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss Jackson. The order was good—teacher and scholars appeared cheerful and happy. Fair progress in the studies.

Winter term.—A good addition of large scholars. All that has been said of Miss Deming in Districts No. 5 and 8 is true here.

No. 10. ("EDMINSTER.") MISS LUELLA FREEMAN, teacher. Miss Freeman did well. In points of order and thoroughness, some deficiency. Rare talents in this school. Your children are worthy of a *good school house*. *At once*, repair or build.

No. 11. ("THE CITY.") MARY A. BALDWIN, CLARA B. SHERBURNE, teachers.

The committee secured for the 3d term the services of Miss Baldwin. In her even way, she carried forward the work faithfully commenced last year. Harmony and order prevailed.

Fall term.—Was taught by Miss Sherburne. Her school was a success. The scholars had a clear understanding of the branches pursued. All were satisfied. This district has the benefit of four prosperous terms.

No. 12. ("Poppysquash.") Miss LIZZIE V. CLARK. Miss Clark is a worker—always finds enough to do; she devotes all her time to the school—not only the six hours, but her evenings and mornings; she goes to school full of *prepared matter* for her scholars, she *instructs in the branches*, and *gives oral instruction freely*. *A live teacher and live pupils will succeed.*

No. 13. ("NORMAN A. DEMING'S.") Miss MATTIE J. HARLOW and Miss JENNIE E. MARSTON, Teachers.

Both were beginners—and pursued their tasks with energy. Rarely will a beginner in *such a school* do as successful work. There is a report, that the good people of this district will provide a comfortable place for their children before another term of school. It will be a better investment than railroads or bank stocks.

No. 14. (HEMPYARD.") No school.

No. 15. ("JOHN M. ROOT'S.") MATTIE E. MITCHELL, Teacher. Being absent I failed to visit this school. Doubtless the teacher and scholars did credit to themselves.

No. 16. ("TEXAS.") Miss NELLIE M. JACKSON and Miss EMILY LEAVITT, teachers.

Miss Jackson was a *thorough scholar*; but failed in winning the confidence and esteem of her pupils. Her labors were not appreciated by the district.

Winter term, taught by Miss Leavittt, *was a success*. She is a teacher of the first class; so familiar with all the branches, that she scarcely used a *text-book*. Nothing omitted. The worth of such a school cannot be estimated.

A private school was taught in the Fall, in district No 1, by MISS MARION WESTGATE. It afforded great privileges to the young people of Cornish. Such schools cannot be too highly commended.

TEXT-BOOKS.

There is great need of uniformity. This has been secured in part, by encouraging the use of Cornell's series, where others were used. Buy only Cornell's geography, and in 1 or 2 terms we shall have but one series. Our Readers and Arithmetics need like treatment. We must have a new Speller, the old one is out of print. Some thing ought to be done in Grammar—either select the best one in use, and make it uniform, or introduce a new one.

TEACHERS.

We want systematic instruction in Primary and Common school branches. This you can give by careful preparation daily. The teacher, who does the most studying in the school branches, especially in the elements, affords practical instruction. Do you wish to fill up your scholars. *Keep full yourselves.*

Parents and citizens, help your teachers—always up hill, never down.

Your Committee returns thanks to teachers, scholars and parents for their kindness and favors, the past year.

Cornish, March 5, 1877.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. JACKSON,

Supt. School Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have attended school one or two entire terms, without marks of absence. Those having a * have been absent only one half day.

District No. 1. Gracie I. Chadborn, Emma E. Chadborn, Fred N. Weld, 2 terms. Lutie Chadborn, Angie L. Chadborn, Etta L. Hart, one term.

District No. 2. Henry D. Austin, Willis C. Fitch, Ida M. Williams, Nettie G. Williams, Mattie E. Westgate, Robert L. Cone, Robert A. Austin, Geo. D. Austin, 1 term.

District No. 3. Bertie A. Chadborn, Ida M. Wilder, Katie Reed, 2 terms; Emily N. Tracy, Eveline A. Tracy, Frank B. Tracy, 1 term; Robert D. Chadborn,* Bertha G. Wilder.*

District No. 4. Elmer C. Fitch, Frank S. Dana, 2 terms; Henry W. Dana, Bertie A. Wood, Truman R. Walker, Willis C. Fitch, Henry E. Knight, 1 term.

District No. 5. Aribella A. Johnson, 2 terms; Arthur F. Welson, Mary A. Huggins, Ella J. Hugggins, Stella E. Case, Elma S. Cole, Clarence C. Walker, Robert W. Walker, 1 term; Nellie A. Case,* Robert A. Case.*

District No. 6. * Hattie M. Hall, Anna A. Rich, George W. Hunt, 2 terms; Sarah I. Spaulding, Emma Johnson, Sarah Bryant, Minnie Truell, Cora G. Sisson, Ida Child, Edwin B. Hunt, Fred French, Eddie Child, Leon Howard, Charlie Gleason, Freddie Rich, Daniel Bryant, Lizzie M. Jackson, Eva S. Rawson, Jennie S. Small, one term.

District No. 7. Emma C. Smith, 2 terms; Anna E. Harrington, James A. Wellman, 1 term; Albert Butman,* John E. Jackson.*

District No. 8. Minnie L. Goward, Nora M. Mace, Chas. G. Goward, 2 terms; Freddie H. Butman, Edmon V. Mason, Charlie H. Weld, 1 term; Norman C. Penniman.*

District No. 9. Minnie M. Tasker, Eddie L. Smith, 1 term; Robert J. Tasker, James T. Stewart, 1 term.

District No. 10. Lizzie M. Jackson, Alice O. Fairbanks, Hattie A. Weld, Sybil G. Lear, Charlie S. Lear, 2 terms; Nellie M. Chase, Ada M. Weld, Anna I. Lear, Chester A. Fairbanks, 1 term.

District No. 11. Emma Morgan, Emma Hilliard, Mattie Ellis, 2 terms; Delia Morgan, Carrie Morgan, Clarebell Kenney, Frank Tandy, 1 term.

District No. 12. Eva M. Kelley, Hattie M. Kelley, Lizzie M. Huntington, Eddie G. Wright, 2 terms; Flora A. Russ, Nellie A. Huntington, 1 term.

District No. 13. Amy I. Hilliard, Lizzie E. Sterns, Lillia E. York, Ella E. York, Jerome J. Hilliard, Elma E.

York, Luman H. Hilliard, Edward H. Hilliard, Orlan P. Fitch, Victor N. Deming, 1 term.

District No. 15. Katie Conlin, Geo. E. Root, 1 term.

District No. 16. Hattie Titus, Clara D. Allen Mary Titus, Marion Leavitt, Henry Whitmore, Sidney Whitmore.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Com.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Terms.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Am. of School Money.	Wages including board per month.	No. of Visitors.	Visits of Supt.	Vis. of Prud. com.	No. of scholars.
1	Fred Densmore...	Miss Sara H. Mitchell....	1	10	11	10	\$182	\$20.00	6	1		15
		Herbert Deming.....	2	12	15	13		35.00	15	3		
2	William Dana....	Miss Jennie L. Jackson..	1	10	17	13	140	*	11	2		22
		Miss Maria Clement.....	2	10			no report.		2	2		
		Mr. Geo. L. Deming.....	3	11	18	16		*	5	3		
3	John H. Mercer.	Miss Hattie J. Hildreth.	1	10	18	15	78	22.00	20	2		24
		" "	2	12	23	19		26.00	10	2	2	
4	Chester B. Fitch	Miss Emma L. York.....	1	10	11	10	72	*	12	2		12
		" "	2	10	12	10		*	10	1	1	
5	Willis Cole.....	" Nellie E. Morgan....	1	12	17	13	92	20.00	13	2		19
		" Hannah T. Deming	2	14	22	16		20.00	12	2		
6	S. M. Bugbee.....	" Marion Westgate...	1	12	37	34	243	30.00	50	3	1	53
		Mr. Josiah Davis.	2	12	46	37		36.00	4			
7	S. W. Harrington	Mrs. H. A. Harrington...	1	11	13	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	141	20.00	19	2		18
		" "	2	12	15	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		24.00	26	3	1	
8	Albert Weld.....	Miss Hannah T. Deming.	1	11	16	14	161	22.00	13	2		23
		" Angie E. Weld.....	2	12	23	21		26.66	10	2		
9	F. A. Johnson....	" Nellie L. Jackson...	1	8	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	83	21.00	7	2		12
		" Hannah T. Deming	2	11	12	10		24.00	11	2		
10	Hiram Weld.....	" Luella M. Freeman	1	10	12	11	104	20.00	24	2		16
		" "	2	11	17	13		20.00	6	2		
11	N. J. Ellis.....	" Mary A. Baldwin...	1	10	21	17	122	24.00	3	1		25
		" Clara B. Sherburne	2	10	24	18		22.00	10	2		
12	Orra A. Kelley...	" Lizzie V. Clark.....	1	11	7	7	29	18.00	8	2	1	9
		" "	2	9	9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$		19.50	15	1	1	
13	Herbert Deming	" Mattie J. Harlow...	1	12	22	15	88	18.00	2	2	1	23
		" Jennie E. Marston..	2	10	20	14		20.00	1	2		
14	No. School.						39					
15	John Conlin.....	Miss Matlie E. Mitchell..	1	8	7	6	24	20.00	3			7
16	T. A. Allen.....	" Nellie M. Jackson..	1	10	15	9	72	18.00	3			23
		" Emily Leavitt.....	2	10	18	16 $\frac{1}{2}$		28.00	14	2	1	

No. 1, Plainfield, \$4.30. No. 14, Claremont, \$10.55.

* Not reported.



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